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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE REQUEST TO ENCOURAGE NICARAGUA TO DESTROY
MANPADS

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Classified By: POL M/C Brian Flora. E.O. 12958 as amended.
Reason 1.4 (b) and (d).

1. (C) Following-up on reftels June 7, Regional Security Affairs (IDC) desk officer Anne-Marie Spain at Foreign Affairs Canada informed polmiloff that Canada believes that "all actors, not just the Government of Nicaragua" should be approached regarding MANPADS destruction. Spain said that while Canada does not maintain a mission in Managua, Canadian Ambassador to Costa Rica Mario Laque is accredited to Nicaragua. He and members of his staff try to visit Nicaragua at least once a month. Spain identified Canadian poloff Robert Richard of the Embassy in San Jose as the principal contact for the MANPADS issue. She said that a demarche at the Ambassador's level would be possible as well.

2. (C) The timing of the Canadians' next visit to Managua is unclear. We anticipate, however, that Ambassador Laque and/or Canadian poloff will want to touch base, if not coordinate, with USG counterparts about demarching the GON. Post's assistance is appreciated.

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